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KENNEDY'S CHANCES

U. S. Senator John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat, has been touring several Southern states in recent days, making appearances there. It should be noted that Kennedy won a large majority of the South's delegates votes, at the Chicago Convention in 1956, and that he is held in fairly high esteem in the South.

This is somewhat ironical in view of the fact that Senator Kennedy is a Roman Catholic and the South traditionally shies away from Catholic political candidates, always having strongly believed in the separation of Church and State, and being quite sensitive on this issue.

And even though in 1928, the South shied away from Al Smith, to some extent, because of this political handicap, today the Massachusetts senator seems to be quite strong in Dixie.

Although Senator Kennedy tells reporters he is only interested in being reelected to the Senate in 1958 in Massachusetts, it is an undeniable fact that he is looming large as one of the foremost contenders at the 1960 Democratic Convention. If the race is between Senator Estes Kefauver, Tennessee Democrat, and Senator Kennedy, from Massachusetts, it may be that Senator Kennedy can corral a great majority of Southern delegates to his camp, since Senator Kefauver has always had difficulty in lining up solid support from the South.

At this stage, then, we would say that Senator Kennedy's chances are looking up.

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THE ARRIVAL OF JULY

"The linden in the fervors of July
Hums with a louder concert. When the wind
Sweeps the broad forest in its summer prime,
When some master hand exulting sweeps
The keys of some great organ, ye give forth
The music of the woodland depths, a hymn
of gladness and of thanks." Bryant.

July ushers in the second half of the calendar year. It is the first month of the fiscal year and, therefore, has more than ordinary importance in the business world.

For Americans July is an especially historic month. Our independence is celebrated on the Fourth, of course, and the Battle of Gettysburg was fought during the first three days of July, in 1863.

July is named for Julius Caesar, a change from its former name of Quintilis, changed on the order of Mark Anthony, and was the month in which Caesar was born.

In Anglo-Saxon history the month was called Litha se Oefterra, which meant mild. The origin of this word is rooted in the fact that the meadows were in bloom and the hills green in this month—in the middle of the summer.

As July, 1957, arrives, Americans, and the people of most foreign nations, find themselves with much for which to be thankful. The world is not at war and serious depressions exist in few of the major countries of the world. Moreover, the prospect for peace is perhaps as good as it has been since the end of World War II and the outlook for economic progress is almost unlimited.

This is quite a contrast to some July's, such as that of 1917, when Russia was crumbling before the armies of the Kaiser, and the outlook for the Western world seemed dim. It is also a contrast from July of 1940, the month after Hitler had defeated France, and July of 1941, when Hitler's armies, seemed on the verge of crushing Russia for a second time—a Russia we then considered an ally. It is also a contrast from July, 1942, when the United States was reeling under the military blows of Japan and still on the defensive in World War II.

Likewise, July, of 1950, was a grim one, as the Communists were moving forward relently in Korea, and U. S. troops were just beginning their desperate attempts to save South Korea.

In this July, then, the world has much to be thankful for.

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RECREATIONAL TRENDS

A recent study has shown that American families are turning away from the movies to more activity and television and hi-fi to find their recreation.

Figures show that the average American family invested an increasing amount of its recreational budget on the movies from 1929 until 1947. Then, as teelvision came into vogue, the expenditure of the average American family for movies declined. In 1940, for example, movies took 20% of the family's recreational budget, whereas in 1955, they consumed only ten per cent.

In this same period, radio, TV and records and musical instruments jumped from fourteen to twenty-three per cent of the recreational budget. The study also shows that there is greater interest in recreational pursuits in which the family participates in the sport. This includes boating, flying, bicycling, golfing and other forms of outdoor sports.

Betting on horse and dog races is on the increase, even though the total expenditure for betting was smaller than for most any of the other recreational pursuits.

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The man who plans to do something "one of these days" might as well put his mind on another proposition.

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The trouble with some speakers is that they shout too loudly for the little they have to say.

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If the railroads killed as many people as do motor vehicles, the public would demand cessation of railroading.

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BY DR. KENNETH L. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Genesis 41:53-50:26
Devotional Reading: I Corinthians 13.

What Is Greatness

Lesson for June 30, 1957

"THE habitual vision of greatness" has been called the secret of the ancient Greeks, one of the world's most wonderful people. Many would say that the ancient Hebrews were even more wonderful, and they too had their "habitual vision of greatness." In our Old Testament are stories of great men, for whom even today little children are named. These great men and women too are of different kinds, you might say only one of a kind. Joseph was the kind of great man Americans love to honor. He was an immigrant, for one thing, a poor boy, with nothing but the clothes he wore, when he first crossed the border of Egypt. He was a man who rose through all the layers of society, against very great odds. He was the "big executive" type, and immensely rich besides. Now it is not true that such men are always hailed and honored. Sometimes they are no more loved than General Bullmoose. But when such men do give their fellow-citizens a lift of pride, it is because of that something Extra which we call greatness.

Dr. Foreman

The High Soul

Every truly great man or woman has some qualities or gifts which are unique in him, and are partly brought out by his own special circumstances. The greatness of an Abraham Lincoln, for instance, is not that of a Dwight L. Moody, and neither of these is quite like Helen Keller. But there are some features to be found in all persons who deserve the word "great." Joseph in Egypt is a good example of these. First of all is what can be called the High Soul. His house of life is open to the sky. He is guided by his faith in God. To such a man, faith is not a thing to be analyzed, or talked about. It is something to be lived, and lived by. Every single important step in Joseph's life is connected by his biographer with God; and Joseph himself shows that he was conscious of God's guidance. Even that decisive moment when he was being sold to Midianite slave-traders,—a moment which just then he would hardly have connected with God—he later saw was an act of God.

"It was not you who sent me here, but God," said he to his brothers later. What will God think of this? was not an afterthought with him, but it entered into his decisions beforehand.

The Open Mind

Great men have their prejudices, no doubt; what human being is entirely free of them? But a great man is capable of living above his prejudices. He can revise his opinions. Neither the man who is forever changing his mind, nor the man who can never change it, is likely to achieve greatness. When Joseph's first son was born, he called him by a name which means "making-to-forget." "God," said he, "has made me forget . . . all my father's house." Joseph at that time, and for years before and after that time, had no communication with his home back in Palestine. To be sure, his family could neither read nor write; but Joseph could easily have sent a message telling them he was alive and doing very well indeed. On the contrary, he seems to have been quite content to be cut off from home. Very likely he thought the less he had to do with his rascally brothers, the better. But when the famine time came, he got acquainted with his brothers again; discovered in one of them, at least, a noble spirit; and he so far revised his attitude that he invited the whole family into Egypt near him.

The Wide Heart

Joseph's treatment of his brothers showed more than a willingness to reconsider his prejudices. He had a heart willing to forget the past, willing to return good for evil. To men who had been as mean to him as they could possibly be, he was as good and generous as he could possibly be. Most of us think we are mighty virtuous if in return for a dirty deal we do just a tiny grudging act of kindness. That is better than vengeance and mean dealing in return; but the great man is far above measuring what he gives by what has been given him. True greatness includes more than justice; it includes forgiveness and mercy. Voltaire used to say about God, "He will forgive—that's his business."

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Health and Beauty

So much is being written today about the over-fat person. What about the under-weight person? They are fewer, but the problem is there.

The healthy slim person has about a quarter inch of fat neatly distributed under the skin. This small padding is necessary for good health and a feeling of well-being. It keeps a normal person from tiring easily and provides a ready source of energy whenever it is needed.

The painfully thin person tires quickly because he is not getting enough energy for his daily activities and there is no store of energy to draw on.

The very thin person is less likely to suffer a heart attack but more likely to come down with pneumonia or tuberculosis. They take longer to recover from illnesses.

Chronic under-ating will cause the human stomach to shrink. Over a period of years this can be a dangerous situation.

Underweight people can increase the number they eat each day to rich foods. Next, exercise their stomachs by the amount of food is taken. This must be done over period of time for best results.

A 'SWEET BATH'

Elkton, Ky.- Bad luck took a "sweet" turn. Walking through his yard, he accidently stumbled into a molasses.

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Garden Talk

By
Mrs. Edith F. Gregory
Appomattox Garden Club

Let us talk about the lily-bulbs we see in summer gardens now.

Lilies aren't lilies and daffodils and daffodils can add perennial beauty to your summer borders. Tiger lilies, and lilies and or Peruvian daffodils, are two of these masqueraders as well as many summer-flowering bulbs.

You know the Peruvian daffodils under lily as lumene or lily or basket-flower. The beauty is white. Sulphur butterfly is a relatively new yellow. Several other hybrids of color or more graceful flowers have recently been introduced. They range from one to two in height.

Lilies are really sephranthes the most widely grown varieties to be a native of South-America. These dainty little botanically members of the lily family, appear on stalks one or eight inches high, surrounded by grassy foliage. Fairy lilies in white, gold, pink and blue.

Tiger lilies or glorious grow in clusters. The yellow and red flowers are borne on vine-like stems, which should be trained on a fence or some support. Although the glory lilies are not as widely known in this country grow perfectly well and bedded like other bulbous plants. In the winter - hardiness is lacking. They should be dug and before frost kills back the foliage.

Lilies, however, need no introduction to Virginians, nor do they need much care. It's just impossible to grow nice things about the bulbs, for they are so accompanied the delegates. William Forbes, Appomattox County outstanding 4-H member, sang his swan song, by serving his final recession as state president, and capping his many activities by winning first place in the state tractor driving contest this time. Hershel Forbes was a state winner in tractor maintenance competition. Once again, we have reason to be proud of our 4-H members representing Appomattox at state events and competition.

Demonstrator George W. Scruggs, of Route 3, Appomattox — Vera community, has the best stand of hog pasture mixture (ladino, orchard grass and alfalfa, of the other projects started this spring. Stop by his home. He will be glad to show it to you and tell you about his seeding practices.

Your Farm Agent will attend the Extension Summer School at Cornell University during the month of July.

DOG ROBBER

Provincetown, Mass.- As Mrs. Julia McLean was walking down a street, a big Airedale grabbed her handbag and ran. The bag found not far from the scene, minus a wallet, containing about $12. This was later found in the yard of the dog owner, with contents undisturbed.

QUICK BARGAIN

Richmond, Ky.- When his car left the highway and ran into a ditch, James Melton got out, surveyed the scene and then telephoned for a wrecker. When it arrived, he began dickering with the driver and finally sold the remains of the car to the wrecker operator for scrap. Then Melton hitched a ride home with the state trooper who had arrived to investigate the accident.

EXTENSION NEWS

By
G. L. JAMES
Farm
Agent

The annual Farm and Home conference will be held at Virginia State College July 9 through the 11th. For the benefit of those farm men and women who have attended and the folks who wish to attend this year—the cost of room and board for the three days will be $6.00 per person. This meeting is the same conference that we used to attend for one day and leave Appomattox by bus. The date has been moved up to July, used to be in April, also visitors may stay on the campus now for the three day meeting. Talk it over with your neighbor, get ready, and drive to Petersburg and attend this beneficial meeting.

The annual county - wide 4-H picnic was held at Prince Edward Lake on Monday, June 10. School buses were used for transporting the members to the park. Picnicking, boating, swimming, and fishing were enjoyed by the group, along with the social fellowship this group and event always experiences.

The delegates attending the state 4-H Short Course held at Virginia State College were: William Forbes, Hershel Forbes, Ova Scruggs, Doris Ferguson and Margartete Haskins. Mrs. Theda M. Harris, 4-H leader, accompanied the delegates. William Forbes, Appomattox County outstanding 4-H member, sang his swan song, by serving his final recession as state president, and capping his many activities by winning first place in the state tractor driving contest this time. Hershel Forbes was a state winner in tractor maintenance competition. Once again, we have reason to be proud of our 4-H members representing Appomattox at state events and competition.

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DEATHS

MR. JOHN F. LEWIS

Farmville, Va.- June 20.- Funeral services for the late John Filmore Lewis, of Farmville, will be held at the Farmville Methodist Church on Saturday, June 22, at eleven o'clock with interment in the Westview Cemetery.

Mr. Lewis died at the Southside Hospital June 19, following a brief illness. He was the son of the late William Lewis and his wife, Anne Purdum, of Appomattox County, where he was born. He lated moved to Prospect, where he attended the public schools, after which he studied law. For the past thirty-one years he had lived in Farmville, where he practiced his profession, having been admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1930. For 47 years he had been employed as night operator and agent by the Norfolk & Western Railway, and for 23 years he had been trial justice of Prince Edward County.

He was a member of the Farmville Methodist Church; member of its Board of Stewards; teacher of the Men's Bible Class of his church; member of the Masonic Lodge, and of the Farmville Lions Club.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lillian C. Lewis; one daughter, Mrs. Maxine Francis, of Farmville; one son, Capt. John F. Lewis, Jr., of the U. S. Army, stationed in Okinawa; one granddaughter, and two brothers, James V., and A. W. Lewis, of Prospect, Va.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions most frequently asked by Virginia farmers during the past week as reported by county agricultural agents. Staff members at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station and/or Extension Service supply the answers).

Q. Has late blight been found on potatoes or tomatoes in Virginia?

A. Some has been reported, but it is not expected to be a problem.

Q. How can I control wireworms in my tobacco after it has been set?

A. There isn't any practical control after the tobacco is set in the field. Insecticide should have been used in the water at transplanting time.

Q. Will I have to spray for alfalfa weevil again this year

A. Generally speaking, no.

Q.-How can I get rid of Japanese beetles?

A. DDT is about the most effective insecticide. To make a spray mix a wettable powder containing 50% DDT with water at the following rate: one gallon of water, 1½ tablespoonfuls DDT; 10 gallons of water, 3 ounces of DDT; 100 gallons of water, 2 pounds of DDT. It should not be used, however, on berries while they are on the bush or on other fruits later than one month before picking, on parts of vegetables that are to be eaten, or on fodder crops that are to be eaten by milk cows or animals being fattened for slaughter. Rotenone and methoxychlor also are effective and can be used when DDT cannot be used. Complete directions are available in Bulletin 204, 'Controlling the Japanese Beetle,' available from county agents, or from the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, Blacksburg.

Q. What should I do to revive my tobacco which has been drowned?

A. If it's drowned it's a goner. Better luck next time.

Q. What is a good insecticide to use in the garden? And what would be a good combination spray to take care of insects and blight on tomatoes?

A. Use a general - purpose dust containing zineb and methoxychlor, or copper and rotenone, for control of both insects and diseases.

Q. A sooty-oleking substance is in patches on the lawn. What is it, will it do any harm?

A. It is commonly called "slime mold," and will appear after extended periods of hot, humid weather. It does no harm and will go away as soon as the soil dries up.

Q. What is the best crop I can seed now for fall hay?

A. Sudan grass or pearl millet. Sorgheams may be included with either if desired.

FISH TAKES ALL

Meridian, Miss.- When fish bite in Clarkco Lake, they mean business or so John Sowers Jr., discovered. Fishing in a boat on the lake, Sowers baited his line, tossed it overboard and placed the rod on the edge of the boat for a moment while he turned to do something else. In that instant, a 15-pound fish bit the bait and dragged the fishing gear to the bottom of the lake. A week later Sowers returned to the lake, dragged for his lost rod and found it, with the still alive fish attached.

Soviet says that the U. S. invented the prison camp.

Steel output in May was lowest since last August.

NEW BOOK IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

Queen of France, by Andre Castelot.

She was Marie Antionette, a lovely Auactrian princess. She was fourteen when she first met her fifteen-year-old husband, the Dauphin of France. He was a shy, heavy young man, overshadowed by his grandfather, Louis XV. The girl had many problems to cope with at the French court, but soon won everyone's heart and had all Paris at her charming feet. But as time went by, not only the court but the country as a whole and Maria Antionette of Austria were alarmed by the fantastic parties, and wild extravagances. Then Louis XV died, and the couriers coming to salute the new nineteen-year-old king found him and his queen on their knees weeping bitterly, for they felt they were too young to reign.

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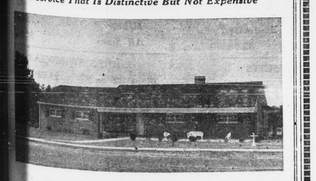
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